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In re the Patent Application of McCandless, et al. ✓

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Examiner: M. Wimer

Title: POLARIZATION PLATE ✓

AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 17, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please add Figure 9 to the application. As noted by the Examiner, Figure 9 is present in the parent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

63. (Amended) A method of coupling a signal propagating from a first wave guide configured for a first polarization to a second wave guide configured for a second polarization through a coupler configured for a third polarization comprising the steps of:

(a) rotating the polarization of the signal at the end of the first wave guide in a direction determined by the relative polarization difference between the first wave guide and the

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